THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 11509 of 2007

DATED: 07.06.2007

Between:
C.Srinivas.

... PETITIONER

AND

The Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector.

... RESPONDENT

ORDER:

The vehicle of the petitioner bearing registration No.A.P.09W 8560 was seized through the Vehicle Check Report, dated 11.12.2006, on the ground that the vehicle was being plied, without possessing the requisite documents, in relation to it. The petitioner challenges the seizure in this writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Transport.

A perusal of the Vehicle Check Report, dated 11.12.2006, discloses that the petitioner did not produce R.C., proof of payment of Tax, F.C., Driving Licence, I.C. etc., in relation to the vehicle. Certain other lapses were also pointed out. The liability of the petitioner in the context of these observations needs to be established in the proceedings to be initiated under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. If the vehicle is detained and kept in the custody of the respondent, till such proceedings take place, not only the petitioner would be put to irreparable loss, but also the vehicle would be exposed to the danger of theft and damage. The interest of the State can be protected by imposing necessary conditions while permitting the petitioner to keep the

custody of the vehicle.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that;

a) the vehicle of the petitioner bearing registration No.A.P.09W 8560 shall be released to him, on his depositing a sum of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) and on payment of tax due, if any; and

b) the petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking to the effect that he shall not alienate the vehicle till the proceedings in pursuance of the Check Report are finalized and that he shall produce the vehicle as and when required.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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07.06.2007

Note: Issue C.C. in three days.

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